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C07D295/18, C07D257/04, C07D263/32, C07D213/81, C07D237/08, C07D239/26, C07D231/14, C07D241/12,

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. **type of material:**
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. **format of material:**
 in written format
 in computer readable form
 - c. **time of filing/furnishing:**
 contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application,
 claims Nos. 7

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 7 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

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the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
 the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
 no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos.
 the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

has not been furnished

does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

has not been furnished

does not comply with the standard

the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

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(III)

Claim 7 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body and therefore no preliminary examination is required (Rule 67.1(iv) PCT). Moreover, it is noted by the IPEA that for the assessment of Claim 7 on the question whether its subject-matter is industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT. The patentability under national patent laws can also be dependent on the formulation of the claims. The EPO, e.g., does not recognize the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment as being industrially applicable, but will allow, however, claims to a known compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

(V)

Having regard to the International Search Report as well as the prior art cited by the Applicant in the description the present compounds of formula (I) differ from the disclosure in (D1) WO02/12190; (D2) WO03/024967; (D3) WO03/066604; (D4) WO2004/035556 due to the definition of present 1-/4-substituents on the diazepine moiety and/or substituents thereof.

The requirements of Art.33(2) PCT appear to be fulfilled.

It is noted that the publication number of the cited document WO03/00480 on p.1, l.7 of the description appears to be wrong.

The problem underlying the present invention appears to be the provision of novel compounds of formula (I) having selective histamine H3 receptor (ant-)agonistic affinity. (D1) and (D3) disclose compounds having similar properties. (D1), in particular Ex.50 therein, bears a benzyl instead of a benzoyl group and a 4-methyl substituent compared with present R1; (D3) discloses 4N-cycloalkyl, 1N(hetero-)aryl substituted piperazine derivatives, having no directly N-bound benzoyl group present. Moreover, although P-document (D4) is not relevant at this stage, it is noted that Ex.449-453 therein differ due to present R1/R3 substituents. (D1)/(D3) comprise structurally essentially different compounds and therefore they have not been taken into consideration in this respect. The Applicant has substantiated the claimed activity per se. Accordingly an inventive step can be acknowledged, provided that all claimed compounds show selective H3-receptor (ant-)agonistic properties. In this connection reference is made to the broad substituents' definitions "(hetero-)aryl; heterocycl";, appearing in the claims without the specified definition given on p.3 of the description.

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-8
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-8
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-6, 8
	No:	Claims	7

2. Citations and explanations

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